

The Foggy Bottom News

[Feb. 1965]

THE VOICE OF FOGGY BOTTOM



MARDI GRAS PARTY

February 27, 1965
8:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Church
25th and Penn. Ave.

We can't promise you pancakes, a traditional dish for Mardi Gras, since you are suppose to get rid of fat in the house before Lent begins, but we can promise a good time on February 27 at the Foggy Bottom Association's Mardi Gras Party at St. Stephen's Church Hall, starting at 8:30 p.m. The Noteworthy's, a six-piece orchestra, will be on hand to play noteworthy music.

There will be door prizes and refreshments -- all for \$2 a ticket. Come and bring your friends from other areas as well as Foggy Bottom.

Chairman, Connie Foley

FOGGY BOTTOM CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP PROGRAM

February 22, 1965

Quadro in B flat major Johann Adolf Scheibe
Allegro (1708 - 1776)
Adagio
Poco allegro

Trio Sonata in G major Johann Sebastian Bach
Largo (1685 - 1750)
Vivace
Adagio
Presto

Sonata in F major Daniel Purcell
Andante cantabile (1660 - 1717)
Moderato
Allegro
Adagio
Allegretto

INTERMISSION

Sonata in D major George Frederick Handel
Adagio (1685 - 1759)
Allegro
Larghetto
Allegro

Quadro in G minor Georg Philipp Telemann
Allegro (1681 - 1767)
Adagio
Allegro

Joel Wheeler, Recorder
Allen Dittmann, Flute
Bernard Mason, Violin
Charlotte Eisler,
Harpsichord

FBA Meetings: Last Monday in each month.

NEXT MEETING

Monday - February 22, 1965 8 P.M.

Pillsbury Hall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2430 K Street, N. W.

PROGRAM

FOGGY BOTTOM CHAMBER MUSIC GROUP
Take your copy of the NEWS with you -

NOTE

This meeting comes at the end of the Washington
Birthday long weekend. We hope that by Monday
night you will be rested, relaxed, and ready for
an enjoyable concert.

THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

by A.E. Wiskup, Chairman

We are in high hopes of having the "half-moon" piece of left-over from the Inner Loop land -- on the west side of 26th between Eye and K Streets -- dedicated to recreation purposes. In what may turn out to be a premature burst of over-confidence, it has been tentatively dubbed "Foggy Bottom Park - East" to differentiate it from the already dedicated Foggy Bottom Park - West on 27th Street. Liz Davis has plans under way to utilize the "half-moon" if it comes through in such a way that the two parks complement rather than duplicate each other.

Plans are being drawn for the smaller tracts of park land in Foggy Bottom. The suggestion has also been made that the center strip on New Hampshire Avenue between Eye and H Streets be retained but narrowed when New Hampshire is redone so that parking cannot be done on it as is being done at present. Also a narrower center strip would, of course, give a few additional feet of badly needed clearance for the traffic flow on that part of New Hampshire Avenue.

DISTRICT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Norman Frumkin, Chairman

The recent report in the newspapers of the National Capital Planning Commission's 1985 Plan for the District was premature. The plan was leaked to the press before it was in final form. The newspaper story concerned a draft of the general aspects of the

plan regarding the District as a whole. Before submitting the final plan with recommendations on particular neighborhoods, the Commission will meet with civic groups to discuss the draft proposals. The Association will be among the groups whose views will be solicited.

Construction on the West End Branch of the D. C. Public Library at 24th and L Streets is expected to start next month. It is scheduled to open for circulation about May 1966. There will be 15,000-25,000 books when it opens and 40,000-50,000 books five or six years later. The built-in capacity is 60,000 volumes. The library will be the first one in the District with an installed air conditioning system. It will be a two story building of modern design with a modest amount of landscaping. A meeting room will be available for library programs and community organizations. There will be parking for 10-15 cars. The branch librarian will be Mr. Raymond Elgin. He is currently the librarian for the Woodridge Branch.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board renewed the Channel House liquor license for another year.

In accord with the vote taken at the January meeting we will support the proposed rapid transit system for the metropolitan area. Congressional hearings on the rapid transit bill are being held this month. Specific designs for station entrances and interiors are not included in the bill and probably will not be set at these hearings. However, our support will include a general statement that station entrances blend in with the character of the neighborhood and that provisions be made in the station interiors for underground crosswalks from one side of the street to another, stores, and possible other uses that may be beneficial to the community. We are interested in your thoughts for the station designs. The Foggy Bottom station will have entrances on H Street at 22nd and 24th Streets. If you are traveling abroad on your next vacation, please take particular notice of the new subway stations there for possible ideas to be incorporated here.

The Foggy Bottom Chamber Music group has met regularly in Charlotte Eisler's apartment on 25th Street for the past five years. This evening's is its fifth appearance before the FBA. It has given many recitals for other organizations as well.

When the group made its formal public debut in St. Paul's Pillsbury Hall back in May 1960, Paul Hume, Music Critic of the Washington Post, described it as a "happy clutch of performers of Baroque music." He went on to say, "Without the slightest condescension one can say that this is a valuable new chamber ensemble on our scene, and one that does Foggy Bottom great credit."

That's what the group has tried to be and do since its beginning.

If your knowledge of music is limited, don't let Mr. Hume's use of the word "Baroque" discourage you. It is really an architectural term and does not describe the delightful music the group has planned. Come and hear for yourself. Non-members and visitors are just as welcome as are the association's members.

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You are invited to do just the opposite of the above exclamation at the monthly meeting of the FBA in

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For those unacquainted with the group, a brief introduction.

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The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is planning a gradual introduction of TOUCH-TONE SERVICE, featuring electronic pushbutton calling, in the District of Columbia within the next few months. This new service is considered to be the most significant improvement in the mechanics of calling since the conversion to rotary dial, which began in 1921.

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A film unit from Norwood Studios in Washington has been shooting some Foggy Bottom locations recently, to be used in a film series for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In one place, the script called for a shot of a police car cruising in a residential neighborhood. The film director picked the 2400 block of Eye Street for the shot -- and then realized that it looked familiar to him. He recognized the home of FBA President Bill Simon, who had written the script for the film!

As the weather improves, more and more dogs are running around Foggy Bottom off leads! Already word is out of the loss of precious dogs, gardens and clean walkways. It is indeed difficult to walk a dog on a lead these days without being accosted by one to three dogs. The days of the "dog pack" seem to be returning.

Browsing About the Bottom

Sporting a new pair of boots, your Browser set out about town during a recent snowfall to discover whether Washingtonians are really, as supposed, foul-weather stay-at-homes.

Although the evidence obtained from that outing was nonconclusive, one thing did become clear: staying inside and avoiding the cold, the wet and the wind whenever possible is the wiser (achoo!) course.

While staying close to the warmth of the hearth (or the radiator) may be easier on the nose and throat - and the earlobes and toes - striding about (one cannot stroll very comfortably in such weather) in the great outdoors, city version, does offer some recompense to the eyes. For instance:

One of the good nuns of Immaculate Conception Academy, in cap and cape looking for all the world like those of a colonial matron, sweeping snow from the K Street convent steps...

A placid pigeon somehow finding something edible - or at least peckable - through snow up to its breast ... the visible but seemingly ineffectual sun, able to provide no warmth and only vague shadows through the washwater grey overcast - but trying gamely anyway...

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The refreshing contrast of a flame-red umbrella buoyantly bouncing along with the wind over a sidewalk sea of white and dragging its mistress along like an anchor ... the infinite variety of boots abounding (all the more readily noticeable when one's head is bowed against the falling snow) ... several young folk, hatless, their hair prematurely white... the inevitable Saturday shoppers, undaunted by the weather, off to market with bag or cart ... a young couple, hand in hand, oblivious of the snow - and of everything else...

On another chilly but sunnier day, January 20 to be exact, this observer had ventured forth from Foggy Bottom down the Avenue to view the Inaugural Parade -- or that much of it as survived west of 18th Street. Most Bottomites saw or read about the event, so there is little to add. Yet the Browser can't help recalling the two things most memorable to him. Both, coincidentally, concerned dogs (for no special reason, and with no irony intended).

One was the Chicago Fire Department's mascot, a mammoth Saint Bernard, jauntily chapeaued in a Texas-style Stetson, marching sturdily by. (Somehow the sight instilled a sudden thirst for a warming brandy.)

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STILL CRITICAL

Dr. R. M. Hermes is in critical condition at Georgetown Hospital from burns received in a fire at his Washington home, 2435 I Street, Wednesday morning Feb. 3, shortly after 9 o'clock. Dr. Hermes, an engineer with a West Coast firm, the Stanford Research Institute, kept the Foggy Bottom residence for his use during periods in which his work required him to be in Washington. He and Mrs. Hermes have a home in Menlo Park, Calif. Mrs. Hermes flew to Washington the day her husband was injured, and she reconstructed the circumstances for us.

The fire started from a lighted cigarette. Dr. Hermes had not been feeling well, and his company had advised him to take it easy until he recovered. He was sitting on his bed when the flash fire broke out, and was badly burned before he was aware that the blaze started in drapes on a window next to his bed. Though badly burned, Dr. Hermes was able to put in a fire alarm. He then rushed out the front door but reentered to rescue his pet Chihuahua, Freska. Not finding her in the house he went into the patio, and that is where members of fire department found him.

Engine Company Number 23 had made the run down from its location on the GW campus in less than 3 minutes. They called an ambulance and rushed Dr. Hermes to Georgetown Hospital where it was discovered he had suffered major burns.

An advertisement in the papers brought Freska to Mrs. Hermes. She had evidently followed Dr. Hermes into the front yard and, terrified by the confusion, had run off down the street.

The occupant of the upper flat in the duplex, Mrs. Caroline Morgan, had left the house to go to work when the fire occurred. The lower flat was gutted by the fire, and the floor of Mrs. Morgan's apartment on the second floor was damaged. She is living in a hotel while the house is undergoing repairs.

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PERSONALITIES

Mrs. Ferdinand Hansen came down from New York to be with her daughter, Morella, during Inauguration week. Morella, who lives on I street, is an administrative officer in Senator Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee. She served the Foggy Bottom Association as treasurer for several years. Her mother spends winters in New York, the headquarters of an import-export firm in which she is an officer, and the rest of the year at Carmel, California, where the family home is maintained. While Mrs. Hansen was Morella's house guest, friends and neighbors came for cocktails one evening.

George MacKinnon and Herbert Socks were visiting old friends in Foggy Bottom one Sunday afternoon recently. They moved from 2503 I Street to 1735 19th Street several years ago. While they lived in Foggy Bottom, Herb was president of the Foggy Bottom Association for two terms, and George was business manager of the Foggy Bottom News from its first issue, February 1958, until they departed Foggy Bottom for their new home.

People who enjoy hearing jazz played "right" are advised that "Mr. Smith's" at 3104 M Street has it on Tuesday nights. The band is managed by Bill Riddle of the Washington Jazz Society, with Robin Roger on cornet, Slide Harris, trombone, Country Thomas, clarinet, Bob Greene, piano, Abraham Van der Meulen, banjo, Van Perry, bass, and Skip Tomlinson, drums. Our authority is the NEWSLETTER of Jazz, Incorporated, Minneapolis, whose Washington correspondent is Henry "Scoop" Blackburn.

Several old friends from the Foggy Bottom days of ArenaStage at the Old Vat are playing in the group's current offering of George Bernard Shaw's "Heart-break House," which opened Feb. 11 and will run for 5 weeks. This is Arena's 10th Shaw production. Our friends Marie Carroll, Robert Prosky, and Alan Oppenheimer are in the cast. A newcomer to the resident theater, M'el Dowd, is also in the production, as well as Tani Seitz who made her Arena debut in Anouilh's "The Rehearsal" earlier this year.

Welcome to Foggy Bottom Mr. and Mrs. Mordekhai Lador, who will occupy the home of Muse Thoresen, now at a trade conference in Geneva. Mr. Lador is Counselor of the Embassy of Israel.

The law states that all dogs must be kept on leads. This is the owners' responsibility; but it is the dog who suffers if he is hurt or locked up. Let's protect our dogs so that in Foggy Bottom we will not have to warn

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